

the minute-book, and deposited something therein. After he had retired, I requested Mr. Joseph Owens to examine the book, and to take into his care, whatever he might find, to hand over to you at your next meeting; for aught I know, these may be the documents that were missing.

Signed,

JESSE CHESNEY, CLERK.

June 21st, 1836.

Note No. 2, alluded to by Mr. Chesney as the only answer he received from Dr. Baxley, was as follows:

"If Mr. Chesney's inquiry refers to the original minutes of proceedings of the Board, I would state that I have them in my possession. As the record of the same should prove a faithful transcript, of course any information that may be desired, can be obtained therefrom, until it may be convenient for me to return the original.

Respectfully, &c.

Signed,

H. W. BAXLEY.

May 23d.

The papers spoken of by Mr Chesney, as being returned by Dr. Baxley; proved to be the original minutes of proceedings of the Directors, and other documents, clandestinely taken away—but the sealed packet containing the Report, &c. was never seen or heard of after, until brought to light by the very person whose misconduct it was the object of the Directors in the Report and Resolutions to reprove.

Further to show, (if any thing was necessary,) the concert of action that so manifestly exists between Dr. Baxley, Dr. Reardan, and Mr. McEvoy, in their attempts to impugn the authorities of the Penitentiary, we refer your committee to the following certificate of Mr. Chesney, in reference to a declaration made to him by Dr. Roardan.

Dear Sir:—You request me to give you a statement of the conversation I had with Dr. Reardan, in reference to the Directors of the Penitentiary, which was to the best of my recollection, as follows: Some time in May 1836, he came to the Penitentiary, and making some very canstic remarks in regard to the course pursued by the Directors in superseding the former clerk, and himself as physician, he said the whole of their proceedings would be laid before the public, and that I might expect to share in their reproach. I told him I should regret very much to be brought into public controversy with any person, and I could not conceive why he, or any one, in this case, should have any animosity against me. He replied, that it would not be on account of any act of mine in the matter, or any animosity which he or any one else concerned in the present case, felt against me personally—but if through me, or any act of mine, an opportunity was given to expose or censure the Directors, I should not expect to escape, even if it rained or prostrated me.